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19. (AMENDED) A user computer configured for sending a voice message, the user computer comprising:

Q2 means for recording a voice message based on encoding parameters recognized by a voice messaging system;

means for storing the voice message within a data file having a selectable Multipurpose Internet Mail Extension (MIME) type recognizable by the voice messaging system as a voice message; and

means for outputting the data file using a prescribed messaging protocol for transfer to a destination voice mailbox accessible by the voice messaging system for a corresponding voice messaging subscriber.

REMARKS

Reconsideration and allowance of the above-referenced application are respectfully requested. Claims 1 and 19 are amended, and Claims 1-25 are pending in the application.

Claims 1 and 19 are amended to correct informalities in the preambles; as such, the amendments are cosmetic in nature and do not change the claim scope. A marked-up version of the claims is attached, where insertions are underlined and deletions bracketed.

Claims 2, 3, 13, 14, 20, and 21 stand rejected under 35 USC §112, second paragraph. This rejection is respectfully traversed. As shown by the attached exhibit A (printout from <http://wp.netscape.com/plugins/?cp=dowdep4>) and exhibit B (printouts from <http://www.hr/josip/dsp/faq/27.html> and http://glossary.its.blrdoc.gov/fs-1037/dir-023/_3396.htm) the terms "plug-in" and "mu-law" are not relative terms: they are terms of art that are notoriously